



MEDIA RELEASE

Home Invasion Robbery Arrest

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 21, 2012

On May 17, 2012 at 7:17 p.m. officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of a fight in progress in the vicinity of 1100 East Gutierrez Street. The officers ultimately determined that this incident was a home invasion robbery and that the suspect was Adan Perez, age 46. Perez had been seen in the area by responding officers prior to the discovery of his involvement in the crime.

Investigation revealed that at the time of the incident Perez barged into the victim's room inside the residence at 1117 East Gutierrez Street. The victim is a 54-year old man who was lying on his bed watching television when the incident occurred. Upon making entry Perez grabbed the victim's cell phone, which was attached to a charger plugged into a wall, and demanded \$70.00 in order for the victim to get his phone back. The victim refused to give Perez money and initially attempted, unsuccessfully, to take his phone from Perez. Perez is significantly larger than the victim and easily prevented the victim from retrieving his phone. Perez repeatedly demanded \$70.00 in exchange for the phone. The victim was afraid that if he was more aggressive in his attempts to recover his phone he would get hurt. The incident was interrupted when the victim's wife entered the room. Perez then left, stealing the victim's phone.

The victim suspected that Perez might be the boyfriend of an acquaintance, whom he knew had the first name of "Adan." Officer Jaycee Hunter searched the SBPD database for photos of subjects with the first name of "Adan." The search yielded several photos of Perez, whom officers recognized as a subject leaving the area of the call. A photo line-up was made and shown to the victim and a witness, both of whom positively identified Perez as the person who had committed the robbery.

On May 18, 2012 at 11:11 a.m. Officer Kevin Rhyne spotted Perez seated on the steps of a business on 700 East Yanonali Street. Officer Rhyne knew Perez from past contacts and was aware that probable cause existed to arrest Perez from the previous night's incident. Officer Rhyne arrested Perez and booked him into Santa Barbara County Jail for robbery and burglary with a bail of \$100,000.00. Additionally, Perez was booked on a no-bail probation detainer. Perez is currently on parole; however his supervision has been transferred to the Santa Barbara County Probation Department.

Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

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